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1. [redacted] Soviets were present as advisers at the joint Sino-North Korean headquarters which was planning and directing military operations during the Korean War. The Soviets, however, remained in the background and did not exercise command functions.

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2. The reason for the Soviet desire to remain in the background was twofold:

   a. Their concern for Chinese sensibilities, which, if offended, would tend to cause a deterioration of Sino-Soviet relations. The [redacted] felt that, since they carried the brunt of the war effort, they were due to be in control of the operations.

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   b. Their unwillingness to press openly for a course of action and then to be held responsible should it prove to be unsuccessful.

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3. Nevertheless, Soviet advisers exerted a great deal of indirect influence on the operations. This was because they enjoyed high professional and personal regard and their advice was sought and followed. [redacted] some of the Soviet advisers were officers of high rank and of known reputation.

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